FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.578**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Summoning Jurors - Presence of Juror Not Required

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 578 would provide that the physical presence of a juror is not required if the county is using a computerized drawing and summoning of jurors, and if the county establishes a secure procedure allowing for participation by other means.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Enactment should have little or no impact on local expenditures as the Bill is permissive in nature.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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